Dear Jim, NYU Confab 3/31/75

I'm glad you are in accord with my asking to be the keynoter. I'd written Gondolfo, who appears to be one of the organizers, before we spoke. I'd also written Sylvia, to whom he'd spoken (and got the same fears about nuts) but I decidedn not to send the letter to her because of her health and because she has always had problems with me that can't be simplified into ego problems. Wither would confront her with an problem, so I've skipped that.

If I am thekeynoter or if I'm not I'll make the same speech and I'll have the same audiences in mind.

If I am not I'll merely add those who opposed it. I am confident they'll be identical with those I will have written the speech partly about without naming them. This will make the point with more emphasis to those in the mass audience who are serious-minded and have open minds. It will make the point to the media and to the Congresspersons.

It will tend to separate those of us who have avoided all these shrill excesses from the nuts and self-seekers.

It will raise the cui bono question with each unnamed person or group of those I'll address (and they will not be all by any means).

I will prepare the speech. I will want you to go over it.

And I will want people like you and Ed and Jerry and perhaps other to be on your feet if there is any concerted effort to cut it off. It will be documented so there will be no question of fact, that is, of what I say is fact.

I want to write another letter so this is all I'll go into now. Please thinks and have suggestions, perhaps some of the more horrible examples from your files.

Later last night I got a call from a Cleveland magazine writer, Bob Gearhart. He was with others of the press in an AIB, Bob Katz, audience. Katz got a rough time from some of his crap and it is the same stuff they have always pulled. He thinks Katz got more than $800.

Best.